

questions but principally the bill transfers from the Department of Roads to the Highway Patrol the enforcement of the carrier division and places those individuals under the jurisdiction of the Patrol. That is all it does. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schmit, what you are saying here is the State Patrol is transferred, the weights and scales, to do the stopping of trucks and et cetera on the highways and the county roads to see if they are in compliance with the weight and scale laws will be transferred underneath the State Patrol, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Senator. They will now be under the jurisdiction, the direct jurisdiction, of the Nebraska Safety Patrol.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And you are saying that the amendments say that this is the only thing that they will be able to enforce?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct, Senator. Those responsibilities are limited to the carrier division and their authority is limited and they shall not have authority for powers of arrest or enforcement other than those that are specified in the bill which I had outlined earlier.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Will they be in the same uniforms as the State Patrol or will they carry firearms?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, they will not be in the same uniform. They will have a distinct uniform and they will not carry firearms.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What is the purpose of doing this?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The purpose is because the Patrol has the enforcement authority for all other facets of highway supervision and enforcement. In the past these individuals have worked under the Department of Roads but they have not been directly responsible to the Nebraska Safety Patrol. We felt that it was more specific since they are law enforcement officers that they be under the jurisdiction of